GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any Committee has been appointed for development of forest villages and people mainly tribals inhabiting these villages;

(b) If so, the details and guidelines of the scheme;

(c) The number of States/ villages covered under the scheme State-wise; and

(d) The total funds released and expenditure incurred so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R KYNDIAH)

(a)The project proposals for development of forest villages received from State Governments are examined by a Project Appraisal Committee comprising of representatives from the Planning Commission; NAEB, Ministry of Environment & Forests; Ministry of Tribal Affairs and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.

Development of forest villages is one of the major initiatives taken for tribal development during the 10th Five Year Plan. For providing basic minimum facilities and services like safe drinking water, health care, primary education, approach roads and other infrastructure facilities, Rs. 450.00 crore has been allocated in the 10th Five Year Plan for the forest villages identified in 13 States of the country.State-wise details of number of forest villages and fund released are as under: